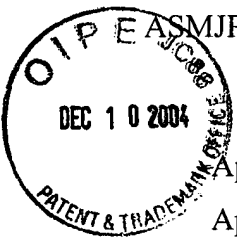


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed November 2, 2004. In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-12 (Class 438, subclass +1). This election is made without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this election, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any fees, including any fees for extension of time to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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